

CASH FOR VOTES

Coerper Tells of Solicitations of Money.

MEMBERS WANT TO SEE VALUE

Thousands Dollars Put Down Price of Support—Told in Affidavit.

Grand Jury yesterday un-
derstandably heard testimony bear-
ing directly upon the solicitation
of money by members of the Legisla-
ture during the afternoon session of
the Grand Jury. L. Coerper was call-
ed as a witness. Mr. Coerper is the
brother of Mr. Lorrin A. Thurston,
and he is alleged to have state-
d to him in his professional
capacity that he would bring down upon him the
Grand Jury. Coerper was called upon by the
Grand Jury in connection with
the case of the Hawaiian Railroad, of which Mr.
Coerper is the projector. While his
name is not known, the following
testimony indicates that it might well
be, as without doubt Mr. Coerper
would give the names of the

COERPER TELLS HIS STORY.

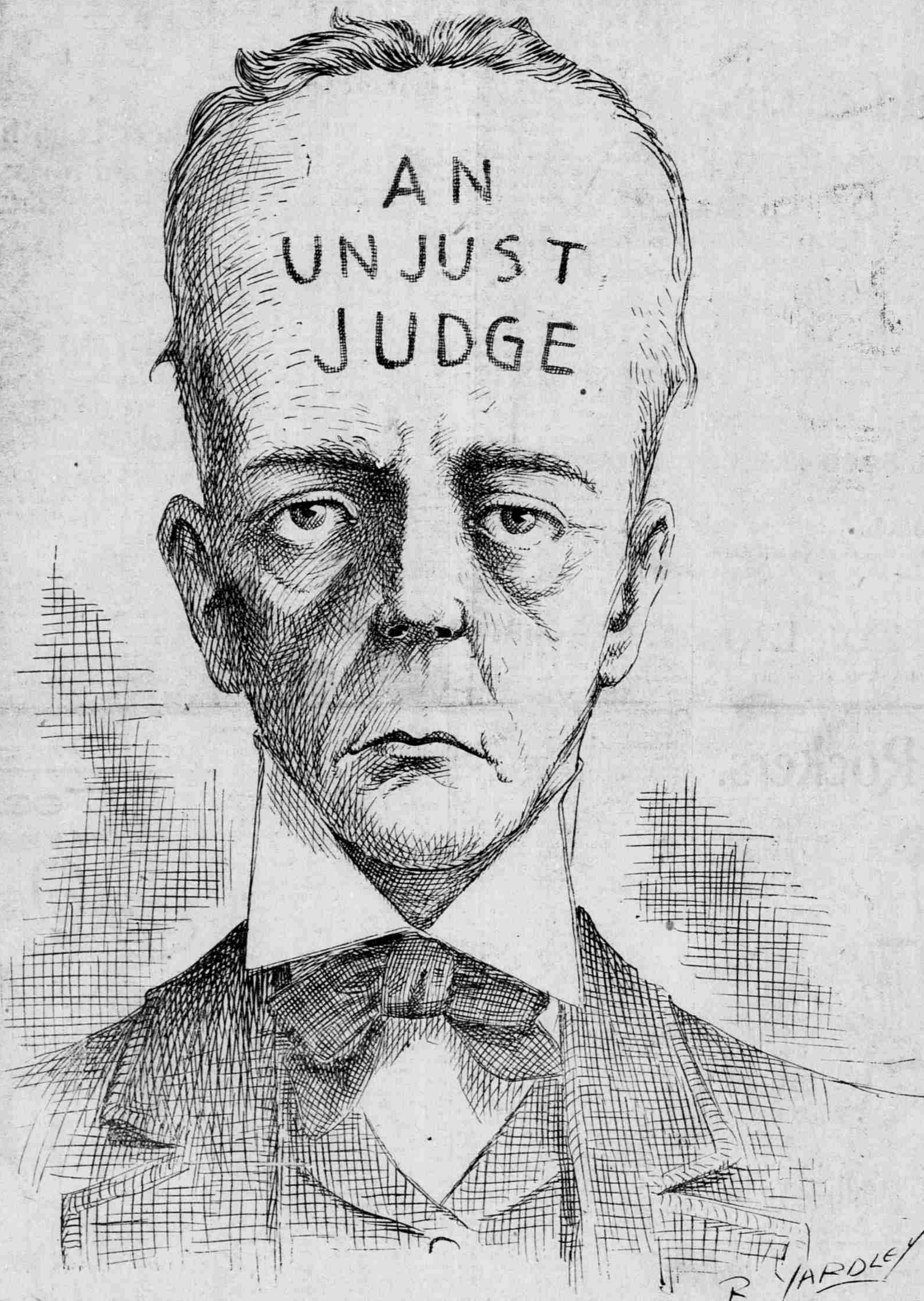
Hawaii Territory of Hawaii, ss.
L. Coerper, being first duly sworn,
deposes and says:
I am a resident of the Hawaiian
Territory and have become a subject
of the Grand Jury and that
Mr. Thurston, has had his
name put into jeopardy by
his confidence I reposed in
him. I feel that it is my
duty to make the following dis-
closure.
At the session of the Legisla-
ture the introduction into the
House of a bill granting to Jacob Coerper
and associates and assigns a
franchise to build a railroad through
the Hawaiian Islands on the Island of Hawaii.
The bill was passed by the Senate and in due
time sent to the House of Repre-
sentatives.
After the bill was sent to the
House of Representatives I called upon
members of the House to
the effect of the bill. My in-
terview with each member was separate
and confidential. One of the Representa-
tives I saw said to me, "What is
it?" I said, "Well, what do you
think of it?" He replied, "It ought to be
passed. I understand by
the bill that I should pay him
\$10,000. No; I will not pay
it. Thereupon he walked off and
I was left alone."
I then called upon a member of the House to whom
I spoke almost the same
words. He spoke to him, asking me
if he was in it for him, and I
said, "There is nothing in it for you,"
and I was disgusted.

MUST HAVE CASH.

Number of the House to whom
I spoke to me, "If you want me to
pass the bill it ought to be worth
\$10,000 dollars to you." I
replied, "I don't want the money." He
said, "Unless you pay me the thou-
sand your bill will not go
through." I said, "Well, then, I can't
pass it." I left him.
One of the Representatives dis-
cussed the bill with me and I
said, "I feel that it is
impossible to get my bill
passed. I accordingly con-
sulted Mr. A. Thurston, who has
been in the House for many years, stat-
ing what had happened and the
fact that I was made upon me by
members of the House of Repre-
sentatives. I stated to him practically
the above and also some
matters in connection with
the bill. I asked his advice
and he said it would be possible for
me to get it passed in any other way than by
the House of Representatives. He
thought it would be legal
to give private rights of way
without a franchise
legislation, as the principal
franchise was to give the
Hawaiian rights of way which
were obtained by private agree-

ment interviews with Mr.
Thurston on this subject and finally
I adopted this method and at my
request Mr. Thurston drew up for me
an agreement for securing rights
of way for a railroad through Kona and
Maui.
I then made public.
I told Mr. Thurston of the
agreement above re-
ferred to and asked my permission to
make it public. I said I should
like to make it public, but as
members of the Legislature have
the right to have their names
in the getting a right of way,
I have already spent a large
sum of money in having surveys of
the land made and am not a
man in a position to ruin
myself by not let me have a fran-
chise without pay-
ment of way if I offend them;
I said that I could not get my
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BRANDED.



PORTO RICANS EAGER TO COME

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO,
May 21.—Nine hundred emigrants
embarked on the steamer Califor-
nian, at Guanica, for Hawaii to-
day, leaving 400 more ready to sail.
Joyous manifestations accompanied
the departure of the emigrants.
Fourteen weddings and forty-eight
baptisms took place Sunday. The
emigration agents are spending,
it is estimated, about \$10,000 in re-
cruiting and maintaining the emi-
grants. Favorable reports from
Hawaii have caused a continua-
tion of the migration.

Glaze Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—A motion
for a new trial for Robert E. Glaze,
recently convicted on a charge of murder
in the first degree for the killing of Wil-
liam Trehella in the Windsor Hotel
last January, was argued before Judge
Dunne yesterday. On behalf of the de-
fendant it is urged that the court erred
in making certain instructions to the

jury and refusing to give others, and
that error was committed when the court
sustained the District Attorney in his
refusal to produce an alleged statement
made by one of the witnesses in the
case. Judge Dunne took the motion un-
der advisement.

Deplores Incident.

LONDON, May 21.—The Government
was questioned in the House of Com-
mons on the subject of the Ewe in-
cident at Tien-Tsin, when the Chinese on
board that vessel were fatally shot by
Germans guarding a bridge after the
tug had fouled it. Under Foreign Sec-
retary, Lord Cranborne, in reply, said
Field Marshal von Waldersee had ex-
pressed his regret and had promised to
take measures to prevent the recurrence
of similar incidents.

American Jockey Wins.

LONDON, May 21.—At the York spring
meeting today the Stanley stakes was
won by Schemus, ridden by Lester Reff.
Jenkins had the mount on Oxbridge,
which came in second.

For Olympian Games.

CHICAGO, May 21.—A dispatch that
received from Paris today stating that
Chicago had been selected as the place
for the Olympian games in 1904.

WILL BRING ABOUT RUPTURE

NEW YORK, May 21.—According to
a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg,
Germany's reported desire to send a
new expedition against the Boxers is
looked upon at the Russian capital as
detrimental to the prospects of peace.
The Bergevala Viedomosti comments
as follows on the Kaiser's speech re-
garding the confidence of the Czar in
Count Von Waldersee:
"We do not understand and we have
no confidence in these penal, piratical
expeditions, and only understand
peaceful methods."
"It has needed much confidence in
the triumph of common sense and in
the triumph of political peace over a
policy of adventures and vagabondages
for Russia to remain calm and cool
during these long months of fruitful
deliberations and criminal expeditions,
complicating a situation which should
long ago have ended."
"If the troops are being withdrawn
now the powers are merely following
the first plan mapped out by Russia;
but in all this there is Russia's con-
fidence in Count Waldersee?"

President's Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—With the
return of Mrs. McKinley's health there

is a new order of things about the tem-
porary Executive Mansion at Clay
and Laguna streets. President McKinley
is feeling so much encouraged over the
continued improvement of his wife that
he is again taking interest in the affairs
going on around him.
All the reports from the sick-room yester-
day were of a most reassuring na-
ture, and it is confidently believed by all
who are near the Presidential family
that it is now but a matter of a few
days when the return to Canton can be
made. The early morning bulletin is-
sued by Secretary Cortelyou at 9 o'clock
stated that Mrs. McKinley had passed
the best night since her recent illness
began.

Pettigrew's Plans.

ST. PAUL, May 20.—Railroad men who
have knowledge of the plans of J. J. Hill
are positive in the assertion that former
Senator Pettigrew will be made the ex-
ecutive head of the Great Northern
Railway system. It has been intimated
that he would succeed President Mellen
of the Northern Pacific, but this is con-
sidered erroneous.

Sugar Firm.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Sugar, raw
firm; fair refining firm; centrifugal, 96
test, 4 5/32c. Molasses sugar, 3 1/4c. Re-
fined, quiet; crushed, 6.05c; powdered,
5.65c; granulated, 5.55c.

OHIO IS LAUNCHED

Battleship Slips Into Waters of Bay.

WEDDED TO SEA WITH CEREMONY

Thousands Witness the Baptism of the Great Vessel—President a Spectator.

ONE more flag floats free and fair
in the ocean breezes; one more
ship breaths the waves for the
honor and glory of the country that
gave her birth; one more champion of
steel has leaped into the arms of the
sea and has joined the pack that flies
the stars and stripes. Steady as an
island fortress the Ohio rides the wa-
ters of the bay, and the air still trem-
bles with the riot of her welcome.

With the head of the nation at her
bows, the pick of the East and the
West standing under her beak of steel
and following her with their eyes and
their hearts; with a thousand vessels
on sea and thirty thousand people on
shore, and three of her sisters waiting
for her and wreathing themselves in
the smoke of their rumbling guns;
with her flags fluttering in the wind
that played around her and the swing
and sweep of the country's own glo-
rious anthem thrilling the air, the Ohio
entered history, ushered by all that
augurs success and fame and honor.

As she rests in the water now the
Ohio weighs 4,800 tons, a pretty weight
to shift from shore to sea in half a
minute and still harm no plate or
stanchion. It required weeks of care
and months of planning, for such a
weight has never slipped from the
ways of a Western shipyard, and with
the presence of the nation's highest
to watch her leave the cradle where
she had been sleeping it made an
event that will not soon be equaled.

A stand for spectators had been built
at the shore end of the ways, and
reaching over this was the keen prow
of the vessel. Just under the beak
was the launching gullotine, a little
sliding ax with razor edge, that was
to cut a cord and free the mass of
steel.

President McKinley was the central
figure on the launching platform. He
came early from the reception he had
been given by the workmen of the
iron works. With him were Secretary
Hay, Secretary Long, Secretary Hitch-
cock, Secretary Wilson, Mr. Cortelyou,
Governor Gage, Governor Nash, for-
eign consuls, State officials, General
Shafter, Admiral Casey, officers of the
navy in full dress uniform, officers of
the army, gayly gowned women and
delighted children. The stand was
draped in the colors of the flag, and
silken banners fluttered from every
corner and along the railing.
The shipyard was in silence. None
of the shops were running, and there
was nothing to take the attention of
the hundred men who, under James
Dickie, the master shipcarpenter, were
to start the vessel seaward.

Suddenly the clink of hammer on
steel resounded from below the big
hull and from every side. The word
had been given to get ready and the
men were knocking away every second
block upon which she had been rest-
ing, so as to ease her down upon the
cradle that was to carry her down the
ways. And as she settled down into
the cradle, the timbers creaked and
squealed, and the grease that smeared
the ways, oozed out in long strings
and splattered over the wharf.

No one was allowed near the vessel
in those last supreme moments. At
the striking of a clock the men drove
their hammers upon their wedges and
thesplitting of timber and the sound
of falling beams mingled with the clink
of steel on steel and the cry of the
complaining cradle.

There was a sudden hush of the
hammers. Workmen ran from under
the hull like bees from a hive. The
master shipwright scanned the dock
up and down on either side, for woe
to the man who remained among the
blocks while that weight was flying
seaward over his head. They were all
out and a knot gathered at each side
near the bow, where the triggers that
held her were ready to be sprung.

The tide had reached its height, and
with 5,000 tons hanging by a single
beam delay is dangerous. A beribboned
bottle was lowered from her port bow
by a band of red, white and blue, and
the cutting of the rope that held the
triggers, only remained to be done.

From far down came clearly the
cry—"All right." Then with a rattle of
small bells the flap on the gullotine
fell, disclosing the word "Ready." Miss
Barber pressed the button that releas-
ed the knife; it shot downward and
through the cord, and the two ends
disappeared as the triggers swung
from their places.

There was a clatter of falling tim-
bers; Miss Barber swung the bottle
against the smooth steel beak and
threw its sparkling contents over the
metal, and then slowly, as if fearing to
move, then gathering way as
the full measure of her freedom burst
upon her, the stately mass of metal
glided away from those watching her,
taking with her their hearts and
their prayers and proudly unfolding
the breezes the flag that is at once
her mission and her life.—San Fran-
cisco Chronicle, May 18th.